to give more employment in coal mines to the local people of Chhota Nagpur in Bihar and also give coal agencies to the poor people of that area; and

(b) If so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMA GOUDA): (a) to (b). As per prescribed procedure, requisitions for filling up vacant posts, if any, are sent to the local employment exchange of Chhota Nagpur for sponsoring suitable candidates to be considered on merit. In case the local employment exchange has no candidates to sponsor, resort to open advertisement is made. Actual extent of employment of local people, however, depends on the available vacant posts.

Coal India Limited does not have any policy for giving coal agencies to individuals.

Distribution and sale of Aluminium

1215. SHRI KARIA MUNDA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Governemnt propose to undertake the distribution and sale of aluminium of all the aluminium companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES(SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government do not propose to control distribution and sale of aluminium as there is adequate availability of aluminium in the country.

[*Translation*]

Durgavati Reservoir Project

1216. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the present stage of construction of the Durgavati Reservoir Project in Bihar;

(b) the expenditure likely to be incurred on the project; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). The work on earth dam has been nearly completed except for river portion and the portion adjoining the spillway and irrigation sluices. The work on spillway, spill channel and deep diversion channel is in preliminary stage. The progress of earth work on the right and left main canals is about 25 per cent. An expenditure of Rs. 69 crores has been incurred upto March, 1991 against the latest estimated cost of Rs. 147.40 crores.

(c) The project is scheduled for completion in VIII Plan.

Coal deposits in Bihar

1217. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated coal deposits in Bihar, district-wise;

(b) the coal projects started during the last two years and those which are under consideration at present;

(c) the progress made in the on-going projects;

(d) whether the progress is in accordance with the programme formulated in this regard; and

(e) If not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA):(a) A total reserves of 64063.85 milion tonnes of coal has been estimated upto a depth of 1200 meters in the different coalfields of Bihar. District-wise break-up of coal reserves of the state of Bihar is furnished below:-

(Figures in million tonnes)

Sl. No.	*District*	*Coal reserves*
1.	Hazaribagh	22343.21
2.	Plamu	3765.26
3.	Ranchi	700.53
4.	Dhanbad	21396.00
5.	Deogarh	399.85
6.	Giridih	5054.86
7.	Godda	6643.89
8.	Dumka	3710.25
9.	Bhagalpur	50.00
	Total	64063.85

(b) 13 coal mining projects were sanctioned during 1989-90, 12 in 1990-91 and 3 more till October, '91 in 1991-92 in the State of Bihar. 10 new coal mining projects are under appraisal and scrutiny at the Government level for approval.

(c) to (e). There are at present 73 coal mining projects, each costing Rs. 2.00 crore and above, under implementation in the State of Bihar. 42 of these projects are on schedule and 31 projects are delyed in implementation. Major reasons for delay in implementation are, delay in land acquisition and rehabilitation of affected persons, delay in supply of equipments, difficult geo-mining conditions, shortage of funds etc.

Profit/loss of coal companies

1218. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total investment made and profit earned by the various coal companies during each of the last three years;

(b) whether some companies have sufferred losses during the above period;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to improve their production?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The total investment and position of working results by the various subsidiary coal companies of Coal India Limited and Singareni Collieries Company of Coal India Limited and Singareni Collieries Company Limited during the years 1988-91 year wise are given below:-